

# CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors Meeting

July 1, 2015

*The purpose and objectives of the CSCMVA are to promote the educational and interpretive activities of the California State Capitol Museum*

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in Room 127 by president Bob Dreyer.

Board members present: Alex King, Marilyn Thompson, Bob Dreyer, David Keck, PJ Jones, Julie Mallet, Chris Tyler, Connie Clark

Board Members Absent: Bob Dennis

Others Present: Koren Benoit, Rachel Martinez, Judi Smith, Sheri Routh, Randall Williams

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Accepted as distributed

**Appropriations Committee:** No report, due to absence of Treasurer

**Bookstore/Membership Reports:** No report, due to absence of Mary Geach

### **State Parks Report:**

Rachel reported the hiring of a new Parks guide, Larry, and two interns, Ian and Isiah.

Rotunda chairs: there have been some negative comments from staff and volunteers, eg, they are too large, heavy, uncomfortable for shorter people, and too massive for the rotunda space. There have also been favorable comments and since the chairs were free and the only choices available, the decision was made to continue using them.

The WWII posters are in the public domain and there are many attractive ones to choose from. If we select 5, Parks will do a trial run to see how well they sell. Size will be the same as the PIE posters. Chris Tyler volunteered to take a survey and report back with the top 5 choices within 2-3 weeks.

Koren Benoit distributed the 2014 Annual Report of the Historic State Capitol Commission which is attached.

### **Continuing Business:**

**River Cats Game:** tickets will be at the Will Call window. The seats are on the shady side and parking is in the free lot with shuttle if needed. Bob Dreyer will send email to all ticket holders with pertinent information.

### **New Training Class:**

Interviews have been held with 19 potential volunteers. Bob is impressed with the skills and quality of the applicants. Several speak other languages, including Dutch. They all have an interest in history and enjoy people. The deadline was June 22<sup>nd</sup> and interviews will conclude on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.. Choices and training schedule will be made by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Training will encourage docents to have a broad knowledge of the capitol so they can be "rovers". They will also be encouraged to team up with a "buddy" to ameliorate isolated stints in museum rooms.

We will try to put on a skit from one of the living history days as part of the training – perhaps on the same day as the fashion show. It was also suggested to have some type of “coffee social” following the graduation to include all volunteers so that everyone feels welcome and included.

**Suffrage Day:** Tentative calendar has been set up and letters will go out this summer so that new docents are included.

**Penny Crusher:** pictures were circulated from Bill White with the proposed designs for the crushed pennies.

**Park tours:** Terry will hold a special training session after the new docent training so that they can be included. Several of the applicants are Master Gardeners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marylin Thompson  
Secretary